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Public Comment Period Opens For New Humboldt Redwoods Plan

EUREKA – The 45-day public comment period for the new Preliminary General Plan for Humboldt Redwoods State Park will begin on Wednesday, State Parks Director Rusty Areias announced today. Interested parties are invited to submit their comments in writing by August 10.

The Preliminary General Plan for Humboldt Redwoods State Park provides for development of more recreational and interpretive facilities within the 53,000-acre park located 45 miles south of Eureka in Humboldt County. It also proposes significantly more protection for natural resources, specifically old growth redwoods, and would establish Natural Preserve and State Wilderness designations in prime resource areas of the park.

General plans for state parks set broad policy goals for a period of 20 years. The process is dictated by the California Environmental Quality Act. Once the public comment period for the Preliminary General Plan is completed, the Department of Parks and Recreation will prepare responses to the written comments it received. The General Plan, public comments and Department responses are then submitted to the California Park and Recreation Commission for a public hearing in the early fall.

Comments on the plan must be submitted in writing, and must be postmarked on or before Aug. 10, 2001. They should be mailed to: California State Parks, Northern Service Center, Joann Weiler, Project Manager, Post Office Box 942896, Sacramento CA 94296-0001.

Copies of the plan may be obtained by writing to the above address or calling (916) 445-8907. They also are available for review at several locations throughout Humboldt County (see attached list).

The Preliminary General Plan for Humboldt Redwoods State Park will be available for public review at the following locations:

California State Parks

North Coast Redwoods District Office
3431 Fort Avenue, Eureka
(at Fort Humboldt State Historic Park)
(707) 445-6547

Humboldt Redwoods State Park Headquarters

On the Avenue of the Giants, 1 mile south of the Weott off-ramp from Highway 101
(707) 946-2409

California State Parks

Piercy Sector Office
(at Richardson Grove State Park)
(707) 247-3442

California State Parks

Redwood Coast Sector Office
1111 Second Street, Crescent City
(707) 464-6101

Libraries:

- Main Library, 1313 - 3rd Street, Eureka
- Branch Library, 500 - 7th Street, Arcata
- Branch Library, 14th & N Streets, Fortuna
- Branch Library, Main Street, Ferndale
- Branch Library, 715 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell
- Branch Library, 715 Cedar Street, Garberville.

In addition, review copies of the preliminary general plan will be available on the County Library Bookmobile.